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16 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

17 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

18 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

19 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

20 Plaintiff,

21 v.

22 ROWLAND MARCUS ANDRADE,

23 Defendant.

Case No. 3:20-cr-00249-RS-LBx

24 **DECLARATION OF KERRIE C. DENT IN**  
25 **SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT ROWLAND**  
26 **MARCUS ANDRADE'S STATUS REPORT**  
27 **ON THE BREADTH OF CONTESTED**  
28 **ISSUES, AND THE VOLUME AND**  
**TIMING OF DISCOVERY AND**  
**DOCUMENT PRODUCTION**

Judge: Hon. Richard Seeborg

Status Conference: November 14, 2023

1 I, Kerrie C. Dent, hereby declare under penalty of perjury:

2 1. I am one of the lawyers representing Defendant Marcus Andrade in the above  
3 captioned matter. I file this declaration to support the facts set forth in Mr. Andrade's status  
4 report. I have personal knowledge of the trial preparation that is ongoing in this case, and of the  
5 various discovery disputes, related correspondence between the government and defense counsel,  
6 and pleadings that have been filed. If called as a witness in this matter, I could competently  
7 testify to the matters stated in this Declaration.

8 2. The data points such as the volume of documents produced and reviewed are  
9 based on my communications with, and information I obtained from, lawyers who work in King  
10 & Spalding's discovery center in the firm's Atlanta office. The discovery center lawyers  
11 regularly assist me and other lawyers on Mr. Andrade's defense team by: working with service  
12 provider Lineal to upload the government's productions onto a Relativity database; de-  
13 duplicating and threading to reduce the number of documents to review; batching documents for  
14 review; setting up review protocols; and generally keeping track of the document review process.

15 3. Discovery produced to date and a reverse proffer reveal that the government is  
16 pursuing several different fraud allegations related to the wire fraud charged in the indictment,  
17 including whether Mr. Andrade knowingly participated in a schemes to overstate the  
18 development of the technology of his business, to engage in market manipulation to support the  
19 price of tokens or coins, to deceive anyone about the chances of reaching a business agreement  
20 with the Panama Canal, to deceive anyone about the chances of reaching a business agreement  
21 with the Port of San Francisco, to engage in a "false rejection" campaign relating to a Super  
22 Bowl advertisement for AML Bitcoin, or to engage in other fraudulent statements, such as in  
23 presentations made in Poland and at the Chicago-Kent Law School. In addition, the government  
24 has referenced but not yet given notice of several other uncharged frauds by Mr. Andrade.

25 4. The government's investigation into Mr. Andrade included the execution of  
26 nearly 100 grand jury subpoenas, dozens of search warrants (including three on properties of Mr.  
27 Andrade), over 140 witness interviews, and at least 50 efforts to gain information through  
28 contacts with Mr. Andrade and others by persons working undercover for the government, some

1 of which were recorded and some not. The investigation also has included the collection of  
2 nearly 4 terabytes of data (an estimated 330 million pages), and more than 250 recordings, with  
3 requests for production and Motions to Compel still in progress.

4         5.         One thread of the defense we are developing focuses on the conduct of Mr.  
5 Andrade's alleged co-conspirator, Jack Abramoff. Mr. Abramoff is a notorious fraudster who, in  
6 addition to his guilty plea in this Court and other wrongdoing, was convicted and sentenced for  
7 conspiracy, fraud (to the tune of tens of millions of dollars), and tax evasion stemming primarily  
8 from convincing Native American tribes to pay for him to lobby in favor of permission to  
9 develop casino gambling on their reservations, and to pay for him to lobby against opposition to  
10 that request – opposition that Abramoff was performing covertly himself. Mr. Abramoff also  
11 was convicted of defrauding lenders in the purchase of a fleet of gambling ships – including  
12 submitting bogus documents suggesting that he and his co-conspirator had put down \$23 million  
13 of their own money when they had not in fact done so, and thereby taking over someone else's  
14 business. <https://www.justice.gov/archive/opa/pr/2008/September/08-crm-779.html> and  
15 [https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2005/08/12/abramoff-indicted-in-casino-boat-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2005/08/12/abramoff-indicted-in-casino-boat-purchase/492a151d-5346-4329-ae25-9fcf0a3aae28/)  
16 [purchase/492a151d-5346-4329-ae25-9fcf0a3aae28/](https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/2005/08/12/abramoff-indicted-in-casino-boat-purchase/492a151d-5346-4329-ae25-9fcf0a3aae28/)

17         6.         We expect to show at trial that Mr. Abramoff continued his history of illegal  
18 conduct by orchestrating the wrongdoing charged in the indictment and using Mr. Andrade's  
19 business for Mr. Abramoff's own purposes and behind Mr. Andrade's back, including by  
20 engaging in money laundering, some with people in foreign countries. As counsel to Mr.  
21 Andrade, we have devoted considerable time to uncovering, and putting Mr. Andrade in a  
22 position to demonstrate, how and why Mr. Abramoff engaged in these activities. These efforts  
23 have led to the production of lots of data (some of which are still being reviewed), including  
24 AML Bitcoin documents found in the home of Russian spy Maria Butina that revealed one of the  
25 ways that Abramoff was working adversely to Mr. Andrade's business. We learned of the  
26 existence of those documents by listening to a recording of the case agents discussing them as  
27 they searched Abramoff's home – the 302s did not mention finding documents relating to AML  
28 Bitcoin.

1           7.       Even after we pointed the government to the recording and the agents' discussion  
2 of the documents in Butina's home, the government fought against producing the material, and  
3 did not produce it until ten months after we requested it.

4           8.       The vast majority of the discovery in this case has been produced in the last year  
5 in response to discovery requests, often only after we filed Motions to Compel. Most of the  
6 nearly 4 TB of data (roughly 330 million pages) was produced by the government after  
7 November 28, 2022, when we filed our second discovery motion. Most of the discovery has  
8 been produced without individual Bates-numbers and in a non-reviewable format, which makes  
9 locating material very challenging and time consuming.

10          9.       In response to our request for Abramoff's phone on March 3, 2022, the  
11 government made a production in May 2022, but the full phone was not produced until July 27,  
12 2023, after Judge Beeler granted a Motion to Compel. Although purportedly a complete  
13 production, the government's May 2022 production turned out to be missing many exculpatory  
14 and material communications, which we discovered by reviewing a partial summary of the  
15 communications of Abramoff's phone prepared by the FBI case agents.

16          10.      The missing messages included more than 100 between Abramoff and Alexander  
17 Levin, a political activist who retained Abramoff to engage in illegal lobbying and whose  
18 communications Judge Beeler has ruled are material to Mr. Andrade's defense. After we  
19 explained the issue of the missing communications to the government in December 2022, and  
20 after some back and forth by email and in meet-and-confers, in January 2023, the government  
21 produced some of the missing messages.

22          11.      When we informed the government that there were additional messages  
23 summarized in the FBI 302s that were not on the image of Abramoff's phone produced to us,  
24 rather than explain why the image of Abramoff's phone we received was missing so many of the  
25 messages the FBI had summarized, the government said it would produce the full Abramoff  
26 phone. It promised to produce the phone in a March 6, 2023 email and again in a March 8 meet  
27 and confer. On March 8, when I asked AUSA Dawson when we could expect to see the  
28 production of the phone, he responded that the Cellebrite images were sitting right on his desk

1 and that we would probably receive the production in the next day or so. More than two months  
2 after the government made those promises, it still had not produced the phone and instead  
3 announced during a meet-and-confer on May 24, 2023, that it was *not* going to produce the  
4 Abramoff phone, saying that it was not “relevant,” and making a new argument about Mr.  
5 Abramoff’s privacy.

6 12. The government requested that the Court order an addendum “to protect purely  
7 personal, private, sensitive, and irrelevant information” on Abramoff’s phone. Mr. Andrade filed  
8 a Motion to Compel and Judge Beeler ordered production of the phone this summer without any  
9 addendum to the existing protective order. After that, our discovery center worked for weeks on  
10 de-duplication, threading, and other methods of reducing the number of files to be reviewed.  
11 Over a year and a half after the phone was requested, we are still reviewing the 25GB of data.

12 13. AUSA Weingarten informed me in August 2022 that he had just discovered about  
13 55GB of Jack Abramoff emails. He promised to produce them promptly if we could send him a  
14 drive, which we did within several days. But the government did not produce the data until  
15 December 8, 2022. When it did so, it included the data under three Bates number as part of a  
16 much larger production. Although the typically generic cover letter that accompanies the  
17 government’s productions included a statement that the production included the Abramoff  
18 emails, we did not even know that we had them until after the government explained that it had  
19 produced them as part of the very large production (with only a few Bates numbers) on  
20 December 8. Our discovery center worked with Lineal for days to locate the data.

21 14. The government has consumed a lot of our time unnecessarily by objecting  
22 (unsuccessfully) to the materiality of items we requested and then only later – after briefing and  
23 arguments – claiming that it had no such documents. The government also has wasted our time  
24 by demanding additional protective orders for material that – as it turns out – had been publicly  
25 available all along.

26 15. Judge Beeler ordered the government to produce the phone of Paul Erickson,  
27 another Abramoff associate who had a relationship with Maria Butina and who made the  
28 handwritten notes that reflect how Abramoff and others were seeking to undermine Mr.

1 Andrade's business plan. While our motion was pending, the government gave contradictory  
2 statements about the phone. The government told us in January 2023 that the phone had been  
3 destroyed in March 2022. Several weeks later, the government told us that it was not sure  
4 whether the phone had been destroyed. And the government would not tell us for months  
5 whether the Erickson phone existed or not. Then, after the government produced a hard drive of  
6 Butina devices that the Court ordered it to produce on April 7, 2023, the government took the  
7 new position that the drive had included a phone Erickson owned (and had let Butina use) and  
8 that it had therefore complied with the Court's order to produce the Erickson phone.

9 16. On June 13, two months after the Court ordered the production of the Butina  
10 search warrant and affidavit, the government informed us that the affidavit is under seal and that  
11 the AUSA in D.C. requested an addendum to the existing protective order before he would  
12 disclose the search warrant. In the course of negotiating the terms of the addendum, the  
13 government acknowledged that it wanted the addendum to also apply to Abramoff's phone.  
14 Judge Beeler granted our motion to compel Abramoff's phone without an addendum to the  
15 protective order, and the parties filed a stipulation for an addendum to the protective order that  
16 applied only to the Butina search warrant. When the warrant was finally produced on September  
17 1, 2023, five months after the government had been ordered to produce it, it turned out that the  
18 warrant was virtually identical to the arrest warrant, which has been public all along.

19 17. We requested production of Mr. Levin's phone (among other things) on July 15,  
20 2022. Judge Beeler ordered production of the phone on April 7, 2023. Despite the Court's  
21 order, the government produced not the images of the devices as ordered, but four spreadsheets  
22 reflecting data from the phone; it was not until May 25, 2023, six months after Mr. Andrade's  
23 motion was filed and more than six weeks after Judge Beeler ordered the phone produced, that  
24 the government contended that under *United States v. Balwani*, 18-cr-258 EJD, Order, at 9 (N.D.  
25 Cal. Apr. 8, 2022) (Dkt. #1393), it could not produce the phone because it only had lawful  
26 possession of the four spreadsheets summarizing some of Levin's communications.

27 18. The government's belated objection to Judge Beeler's Order was presented by  
28 Mr. Andrade to Judge Beeler, who asked the government to make an inquiry about the phone to

1 the Southern District of New York, which seized it from Mr. Levin. We do not yet know  
2 whether this inquiry (or subsequent orders by Judge Beeler) will allow us access to the phone or  
3 other devices as ordered by Judge Beeler. If it does, it will mean that Mr. Andrade's access to  
4 the image of the iphone alone – and its likely large volume – will have been delayed by  
5 approximately one year. If it does not, we will bring the issue to this Court. At a minimum, the  
6 government will have wasted substantial time that we could have devoted to other pretrial tasks.

7 19. Although hundreds of thousands of pages have been reviewed, for remaining parts  
8 of the production, our discovery center lawyers are still working on reducing the number of  
9 documents for attorney review through threading, de-duplicating, and other methods. We have  
10 one of the discovery lawyers working full-time on this case, two of the more senior discovery  
11 center lawyers working regularly on the case, and document reviewers assisting with review of  
12 the volumes of material as their schedules permit. We anticipate that, with this level of staffing,  
13 review will not be complete before the scheduled trial date, and could be delayed further  
14 depending on the volume of additional discovery.

15 20. To conserve CJA resources, we intended to complete the document review before  
16 doing witness interviews, but with the slow pace of discovery and the trial date set by the Court  
17 at the last status, we have deviated from that plan.

18 21. Because the prosecutors and the SEC worked together on the investigation the led  
19 to the charges in this case, we asked for the SEC's file. The government said it complied with  
20 that request, but it turned out that the government's production included only documents Mr.  
21 Andrade himself had produced to the SEC. We are taking to Judge Beeler the issue of the  
22 government's unwillingness to obtain additional materials from the SEC even though the two  
23 agencies have been working together on the investigation.

24 22. Turnberry Solutions, LLC produced documents to the grand jury through its  
25 attorneys at Jones Day, and the pages were Bates-numbered TSLLC\_0000001-TSLLC\_0001867.  
26 The government did not produce those pages in sequential fashion; rather, they were scattered in  
27 no identifiably logical way. We determined that the production was incomplete, and identified  
28 for the government the Turnberry Bates number for each of the approximately 1000 documents

1 not included in the government's production. The government re-produced the Turnberry grand  
2 jury documents on September 20, 2023, but its production suffered from the same problem: more  
3 than 700 pages remain un-produced. We informed the government of the 700 missing pages on  
4 September 26, but it has not responded, and the production remains incomplete.

5 23. The Abramoff, Levin, and Butina materials referenced above were part of the first  
6 of several priority items the Court asked us to identify from our November 28, 2022 motion to  
7 compel, which included a total of seven issues. We are nearly done litigating the government's  
8 compliance with Judge Beeler's order of April 7, which resolved the three issues of Erickson,  
9 Levin, and Butina in Mr. Andrade's favor, with the other requests still pending.

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11 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this  
12 declaration was executed on November 7, 2023 in Washington, District of Columbia.

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14 /s/ Kerrie C. Dent  
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